

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

re: Patent application of Lee Underwood, et al  
Serial No.: 10/568,294  
Filed: February 15, 2006  
For: Improvements Relating to Water Treatment Apparatus  
Art Unit: 2612  
Examiner: Girma, Fekadeselass  
Confirmation No.: 3518  
Attorney Docket No. 36290-0392-00-US (221804)

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

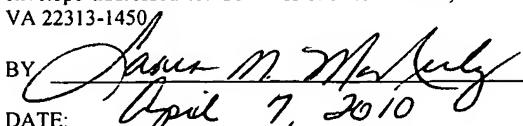
This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 10, 2009. This response is being submitted within the first month after expiration of the three month period set for response. A Request for a One Month Extension of Time accompanies this response. No additional fee should be due for entry of this response. If any additional fee is determined to be due, please charge such fee and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are on page 6.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 7.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)</b>	
I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
BY	
DATE:	April 7, 2010